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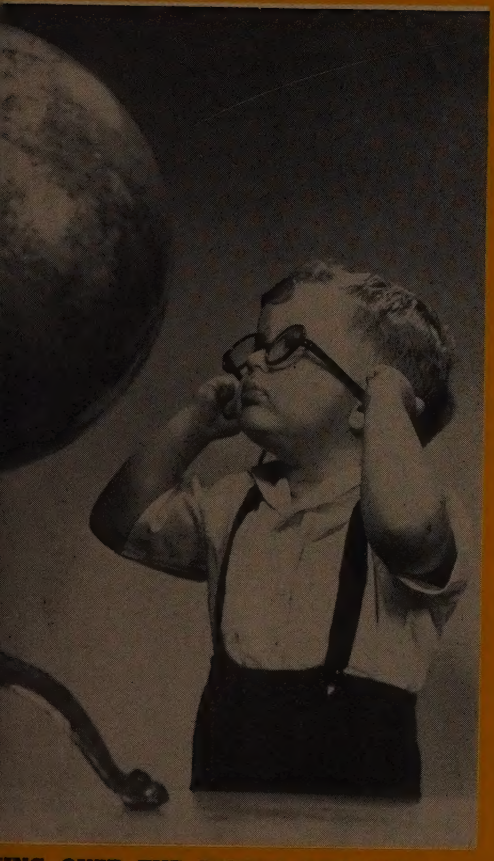

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Lutheran World Federation has won an enviable place in world affairs, t still requires the support of

he Responsible Man in the Church

.. C. MICHELFELDER

GREAT surge of interest in The eran World Federation can be throughout the world. On the of Lutherans it is an evidence our churches are coming out of isolationism and provincialism. the part of non-Lutherans it is ence that the federation is fulfill- a noticeable task.

t a recent meeting of the Trustee- Council of United Nations, in va, Moslems, Jews and Christians e of the federation as an organ- on capable and willing to assume t obligations in connection with orphaned missions in Palestine. he World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation won nviable place among the churches icipating in ecumenical work. nd this is the way it ought to be. the Lutheran Churches of the ld have a membership of more n half of the membership of all estants. For this reason, if for no r, the Lutheran Church ought to me the greater part of the respon- ity. Also, we have the greatest tage. The Lutheran Church is the rch of the Living Word, which activates our church to be mission-minded, education-minded, and ecumenically minded.

Origin of the Federation

In 1947 in Lund, The Lutheran World Federation was born, and representatives of the Lutheran Churches in the world signed the constitution, or charter, which makes it clear that there is a unity of confession. These churches are federated to do the work which no individual church body can do alone. As an American Lutheran I am proud that the Lutheran Churches of America made such a great contribution to the formation of the federation.

It is safe to say that The Lutheran World Federation owes its life to the initiative taken by the Lutherans of America through Lutheran World Action.

The federation today is a corporation registered under Swiss law as a Swiss corporation. Thus it has the right to receive and give power of attorney, hold property, receive bequests and in every way act like a legal personality. Its constitution provides a wide field of service, so that one can see by the very constitution of the federation that it is an active working organization.

Rev. S. C. Michelfelder, D.D., Th.D., ecutive secretary of the Lutheran World ration, Geneva, Switzerland.

Organizational Pattern

To explain the present status of the federation, I want you to look at the diagram on the next page.

The member churches are at the top, and you notice they are all different in their structure. Yet there is uniformity: there is a cross on every church. It is "in the Cross of Christ we glory."

You see that heavy lines go on from these churches to the assembly, indicating that the churches send delegates to the assembly, 229 in number. Meeting every five years, the assembly functions ad interim through the executive committee, consisting of 16 men, one of whom is a layman.

The executive committee takes responsibility for the study of the international special commissions and the service projects of the federation. The service departments operate through the Geneva headquarters. The executive secretary, by the constitution, is the personification of the executive committee, performing a full-time job.

World Missions

World missions is listed first among the executive headquarter's five departments because it is an ongoing program, which must get our first and greatest attention. The Lutheran Church is a church of missions in this confused and devastated world. Today missions are being uprooted and orphaned very fast.

As I am writing these lines for *Lutheran Men,* I am rushing an extract from the Register of Commerce as a corporation to Hongkong, where we are trying to salvage property, to save the property of Lutheran m sions in Communist China. The Lut eran World Federation has promis to help churches in distress.

In Palestine, our delegates, L Edwin Moll, for the Hashemite Kin dom of the Jordan and Mr. Charl Lutz, for Israel, are serving t church in trying to save properti which at one time were valued at million dollars.

The importance of the Gene headquarters can readily be se when one realizes there is no oth organization in the world which cou serve Lutheran missions in such tim of crisis.

Refugee Service

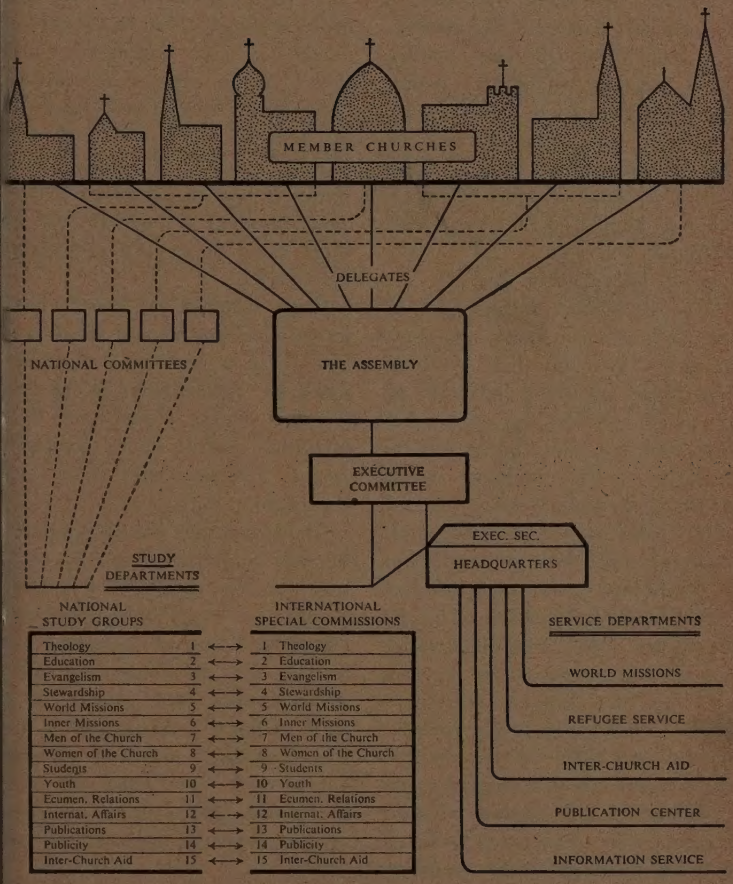
The next department is that refugee service.

Do you realize that one out every 10 Lutherans is a refugee in t world today? The responsible man the church will realize that if he one of the nine who is not a refug he must help the tenth who is.

The federation has had an agr ment with the International Refug Organization for the past few yea A staff of over 170 persons is wo ing in Germany alone in the refug department of the federation. Abo 27 are employed full-time in Austr We also have a staff in England a Italy.

The Brotherhood men of the Uni Lutheran Church will know of t great task and great work that h been done by the National Luther Council for the displaced perso who have been brought to Ameri Many of these displaced persons ha joined American churches, and

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION
PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND WORK



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peal to them now to become re-
onsible men and responsible women
their church in America.

When one considers that there are at least 12 million refugees still in Germany and Austria who have been expelled and thus become unwilling refugees from their homeland due to

the Potsdam Agreement, we see how great is our task. Almost half of these are Lutherans.

These people cannot return to their country. They have been expelled because they were ethnic Germans. If the Potsdam Agreement had been applied to all ethnic Germans in America, it certainly would have depopulated a great part of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Missouri and Iowa. The responsible man in a Lutheran Church in America must remember this and thank God that Providence led him to America.

Inter-Church Aid

Over 40 million dollars have already been given in money and goods for inter-church aid since 1945, the greater part of which has been administered, validated and recommended through the Inter-Church Aid Department of The Lutheran World Federation here in Geneva.

Rest assured, you who have given generously, that these gifts of Lutheran World Action have kept the devastated Lutheran Churches of Europe alive. There was a time when we felt that we could not save those churches, but today the Lutheran Churches of Europe stand out as living churches grateful to their sister churches which came to them in time of need.

(Editor's note: Because of space limitations, Dr. Michelfelder will continue his discussion of the service departments of the federation, and the plans for the 1952 assembly, in the next issue of *Lutheran Men.*)

Your Part

The Lutheran World Federation came into existence at a time when men were asking for an opportunity to take part in the greater work of the church. Never again dare American Lutheranism become provincial. "All one body we, one in hope and one in charity" must be our slogan. The responsible man in a Lutheran Church today anywhere in the world will ask: What can I do to help promote the federation?

Every Brotherhood, every man of the Brotherhood should make it his business as a responsible member to make use of the living Word every day and witness to the living Word his Christ, and his church among his friends and especially in his own household.

The responsible man is a priest in his own household. You must set the example. You should lead in family devotions. You should demonstrate sacrificial living which is true stewardship. You should be informed as a responsible man concerning the work of the church not only in your own community and your own land but the work of the church throughout the world. May the living Word awake responsible men within a living Church.

Cover Picture

The young lad earnestly studying the globe through his dad's eyeglasses may not see what his father sees in the world situation today. The boy doesn't know that this is World Lutheranism month. He doesn't suspect that because of The Lutheran World Federation, he may be able to look at a better world when he grows up.

—Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

e moral values in the life of Thomas A. Edison are an inspiration to men

o do things

by RAYMOND I. LINDQUIST

KNOCK ON ANY DOOR

THE YEARS between the birth and ath of Thomas Alva Edison mark e of the most remarkable and fruit- l periods in the history of men. any of the marvels of this fabulous e came from the mind and hands of e Wizard of Menlo Park, this nius of West Orange, N. J.

He bettered the means of telegraph- communication and brought light the eyes of men; he provided the cord of their voices for their ears; gave them new and better ways to ore electrical energy; he melted sion and sound together in the rliest sound motion pictures and in ore than a thousand ways eased the rdens of existence and made life ore enjoyable.

There moved behind the broad ow of the inventor the unquench- able desire to explore further the helpful unknown, to discover the practical possibilities in helping get done the significant work of the world—to knock on any door.

Edison's Practical Faith

If one were to sum up Edison's practical *faith* it would run something like this: The universe is one of infinite possibility; nothing truly good can be said to be wholly impossible.

He possessed vital belief in his work. Let others question and deny; he would always affirm and accomplish.

Said a companion worker to him one day, "I'm an engineer, not a chemist. Why have me waste time on this research in chemistry?" The Wizard replied, "But if I asked a chemist to do this he would say it could not be done. And he would bring me books to prove it."

Edison believed in the incredible until it came true. He worked on the impossible until it came to pass. Let no man say the knock will go un-

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Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist is pastor of the st Church of Orange (Presbyterian), Orange, J. Dr. Lindquist wrote this sermon in com- moration of the 104th birthday anniversary b. 11) of Thomas A. Edison.

answered. Never defeat yourself with disbelief before the battle is begun. The world is wide and the doors are many.

Perseverance

But to the inventor's faith in work must be added the grace of *perseverance*. When experiments proved difficult, he would order a "campaign," that is, day-night activity until the task was done. Once he confided, "I speak without exaggeration when I say I have constructed three thousand different theories in connection with the electrical light."

On another occasion he said, "In working out an invention the most important quality is persistence. Nearly every man who develops a new idea works it up to a point where it looks impossible and then he gets discouraged. That's not the place to get discouraged. Hard work and forever sticking to a thing until it's done are the main things an inventor needs."

His men roamed the world searching for better material out of which to make electric lamp filaments. Once when chided for failure, he said, "Why I've gotten lots of results! I know several thousand things that won't work!"

Before the first cotton sewing-thread filament flashed its more than 40 hours of continuous light, there were heart-break accidents, but he pushed relentlessly on. His assistant, Batchelor, tells of the last rush ahead toward the gleaming light, and his story shines with the kind of radiance which makes the world seem new.

"It was late in the afternoon," Batchelor recounted, "before we produced another carbon, which was broken by a jeweler's screwdriver falling against it. But we turned back again, and before night the carbon was completed and inserted in the lamp. The bulb was exhausted of air and sealed, the current turned on, and the sight we had so long desired to see met our eyes."

Doors open when men keep on knocking.

Imagination

And to faith and perseverance, Edison added the gift of a powerful imagination. So often the door of opportunity is ivy-grown, lost in shrubbery and appearing only to be an old stone wall. Then the image-making mind begins its thoughtful round of penetrating conjecture.

The inventor once reported, "Through all those years of experimenting and research I never once made a discovery. All my work was deductive, and the results I achieved were those of invention pure and simple. I would construct a theory and work on its lines until I found it untenable, then it would be discarded at once and another theory evolved. This way was the only possible way for me to work out the problem."

Thus it was that the inventor roamed the outpost walls of truth and presently discovered new doors by which the world might be helped.

In his own way he testified to the reality of the remark the late G. B. Shaw put in the mouth of Joan of Arc, "God speaks to me in my imagination."

Sacrifice

But it was not without *sacrifice* that Edison made these inventions.

"My deafness," he said in effect, was a help, for it shut out the inconsequential and shut me in to the essential."

Surely a soul must be large who could thus shoulder handicap like armor and fight with its weapons for the common good and not for private gain.

Think of the pleasures foregone in order to save time and energy for the main task. In reading the materials about his life one wonders at the almost total absence of recreation. Sometimes a fishing trip to Sandy Hook, an occasional game of parchesi and in his later life, the movies. Indeed the man hardly took time for sleep.

In fact he felt most of us sleep too much. "Lack of sleep never hurt anyone," he was fond of saying. He could go for days without extended sleep, days and nights punctuated only with naps snatched from the lap of time.

One must be awake if he is to knock on any door.

He Taught Himself

Though Edison took only three months of formal schooling, he was a well-educated man. First, he was taught by his very intelligent mother. Where could one find a better academy? And secondly, *he taught himself.*

It is recorded that at one time he set out to read the whole of Detroit's public library. And he made more than a brave start. Much of his earliest earnings went into books, and one day he came home to his hall-bedroom in Boston carrying a complete set of Michael Faraday.

He possessed that rare and invaluable ability to soak up the printed page like a blotter, and always with incredible speed. What he wanted from a book seemingly leaped out of the covers into his memory never to say farewell.

When Edison knocked on a new door, he brought with him all that could be garnered from books and machines and men, and he brought his total, absorbed and undivided self.

He came prepared.

Thus he knew something of the way he would go once the door opened.

Value of Time

All these attributes of Edison, his faith and perseverance, his imagination and sacrifice and self-schooling, were summed up in his sense of the value of time. Very early in life he said to his companion, Adams, "I have got so much to do and life is so short, I am going to hustle."

One feels this sense of time when he visits the inventor's library where a bamboo filament electric lamp shines, and far about on the north wall, a great clock, now silent, looks calmly down.

And one feels this urgency of time when he visits the chemical laboratory where, as though it were the day before yesterday, the inventor's bundle of goldenrod lies in state among the faint lingering chemical odors of an-

other decade. The goldenrod seems to speak of the many doors on which Edison knocked even up to the end. Firestone had said, "Why not find a domestic source for rubber, from a plant that can be quickly and easily grown?"

It had been hint enough. Another door. Knock on any door.

Many Doors

What can we learn from such a luminous and articulate life? Is it not primarily the lesson that in our day the world is waiting for people who like him will knock on any door?

The door of larger service to more people? He once said, "The poor man with a family is the man who has my sympathy and is the man for whom I am working."

What of the door of international understanding and cooperation? The door of hope that the hatred of the enemy can be contained and that friendly nations can band together more closely for peace and faith and significant prosperity? The door of private and corporate endeavor, with true freedom for all?

Would not Edison today want light to be cast and hearing created, and pictures projected, in the realm of reasonable, solidly earned optimism? The faith, in short, that the world is a kingdom under God of infinite possibility and nothing good can be said to be wholly impossible.

"Knock," he would say, echoing a Book that was written long ago. "Knock and it shall be opened."

New York Synod

The annual convention of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York will be held on May 5, 1951 in the Reformation Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York. The convention speakers will be the Rev. Frederick R. Knubel, president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York; Mr. Frank Egner, Garden City, Long Island, New York; and Mr. Ralph J. Wohlsen, Bridgeport, Conn., president of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Prayer

Mother, overhearing her young son praying: "Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty."

"Whither thou goest . . . "

"There ought to be a special place in heaven for ministers' wives."

"Perhaps you're right, but I would much rather go with my husband."

Morning Nap

"How long do you usually sleep on Sunday morning?"

"It all depends."

"Depends on what?"

"The length of the sermon."

Church Membership

"What church do you belong to?"

"None."

"Well, what church do you go to when you do go?"

"If you must know, the church which I stay away from most of the time when I don't go is the Baptist."

Wanted: Bigger Whales!

We certainly need a lot more whales to hold the modern Jonahs who are running away from God's call to duty.

NEWS

Maryland Convention

The 31st annual convention of the Maryland synodical Brotherhood will be held at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., on Saturday, May 19. According to an official notice sent out to congregational Brotherhood presidents of the Maryland Synod, this will be a delegated convention in accordance with the constitution and by-laws. The following rules govern the election of official delegates: "Delegates . . . shall consist **of the** officials and the executive committee of the synodical Brotherhood together with representatives of congregational Brotherhoods within the bounds of the Maryland Synod *who are affiliated* with the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood. Each such organization shall be entitled to two delegates. . . The congregational delegates should be elected and their names sent (in) . . . at least two weeks prior to the convention so they can be recorded as your official representatives and, as such, be entitled to vote on any matter. . ." The following proposed amendment to the constitution was submitted at the 1950 convention and becomes an item of business at the 31st annual convention: "We hereby move that the constitution and by-laws of the Maryland synodical Brotherhood be altered to the end that the president, vice president, the secretary and the treasurer of all district Brotherhoods be made delegates to the convention of the above troup for the year and/or time at which they hold office of the district group."

Laymen's Retreat

Men of the Ohio Synod will hold a retreat on the Wittenberg College campus, June 8-10. Leaders will be Dr. Harmon J. McGuire, Chicago, president of the Illinois Synod, and Dr. Fred C. Weigman, Holy Trinity Church, Akron. In charge of the retreat are Ralph F. Wright, West Carrollton, Ronald C. Matthies, Springfield, and Andrew J. White, Columbus.

Urges Affiliation

"Our Trinity Brotherhood during the years has been the only men's organization in the state affiliated with the national Brotherhood. Grace Brotherhood, Laurel, said they would affiliate this year. We have sent a first payment of $10 to national headquarters. The 1951 Year Book reports 2,030 men's organizations but only 594 paying to the national Brotherhood. Our Brotherhood voted to have our officers consider how we might help in this situation. It is to be suggested that we offer to write presidents of organizations not connected and urge affiliation."

Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood Booster
Jackson, Mississippi

What Men Can Do

Lutheran Laymen's Fellowship held its 9th annual banquet at Christ Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), Washington, D. C., last month, and elected Cliff Sandahl (Augustana Synod) president, John W. Boehne (Missouri Synod) vice president, G. I. Hendrickson (American Synod) treasurer, and Martin A. McGrory (ULCA) secretary.

Mr. Sandahl is editor of *Business Action,* a weekly publication of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Boehne, a former member of Congress from Indiana, is on the board of directors of the Missouri Synod.

"Complete cooperation between all Lutheran Synods in Washington, D. C., through our institutional work and Lutheran Inner Mission Society, has been the result of fellowship among all synods," declared Secretary McGrory.

Over 225 members attended the banquet. Dr. Millard E. Gladfelter, provost of Temple University, Philadelphia, was the speaker.

The United Lutheran Hour

This month the southern synod of the ULCA introduced a series of religious radio broadcasts known as "The United Lutheran Hour" over the independent network of the Protestant Radio Conference, with 150 stations in the South and Southwest participating. Produced by the Southern Lutheran Radio Committee and sponsored by the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama Synods, The United Lutheran Hour originates in the Protestant Radio Center on the campus of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. Music is furnished by the Protestant Fellowship Choir under the direction of the Rev. Hubert Vance Taylor.

The first speaker on the first program, Sunday, April 1, was the Rev. J. Luther Mauney, D. D., president of the Virginia Synod and pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Marion, Va., whose subject was "On Living Victoriously."

Times, speakers and themes for succeeding programs are: April 8, the Rev. M. L. Minnick, pastor of College Lutheran Church, Salem, Va., "More Than Conquerors"; April 15, the Rev. F. L. Conrad, D. D., president of the North Carolina Synod, "News and News of the Resurrection"; April 22, the Rev. P. D. Brown, D. D., pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., "Christ the Savior"; April 29, the Rev. Voigt Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C., "Progression in Prayer."

Dr. Traver Speaks

The former editor of *Lutheran Men,* Dr. Amos John Traver, professor of practical theology, Hamma Divinity School, spoke at the installation of Sister Evelyn Lukens as superintendent of the Tiding-Over Home of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Brooklyn on Feb. 4. Dr. Traver is the former pastor of the Lutheran Church of Frederick, Md., which Sister Evelyn served.

Georgia-Alabama

The executive committee of the rgia-Alabama synodical Brother- d urged the presidents of local herhoods to assist their pastors in evangelism program of the ch.

Information as to the evangelism gram of the church and the therhood's part in this great pro- n is being prepared by the nation- Brotherhood, and as soon as this erial is available your synodical ctor on evangelism will forward o you," wrote J. H. Oetgen, At- a, Ga., president of the Georgia- bama synodical Brotherhood, in a er to local Brotherhood presi- ts. "If we are to make progress in field of evangelism each president the congregational Brotherhood uld confer with his pastor and into effect a local program of ngelism."

The program of the Brotherhood calls for a greater effort in foster- an intelligent and appreciative derstanding of the work of the ole church.

During the coming year the presi- ts of all congregational Brother- ds are urged to make their meet- s more interesting. This can be e by conducting meetings in such nanner that the men will get the e spirit of our Brotherhood work l through the use of the informa- n and topics contained in *Lutheran n*. Effort should be made to have greater number of your men sub- bing to this fine magazine.

This year will bring to a reality our work of the past two years in establishing a radio program to be known as The United Lutheran Hour. Our synod will sponsor two of the nine broadcasts to be presented at $600 each, the cost of which was underwritten by the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood has again undertaken the objective of underwriting the expense of similar broadcasts in 1952.

"A number of suggestions were made at the Brotherhood convention in Savannah relative to projects which would require additional finances this year. However, after deliberation on this matter and in consideration of the continued advance in the cost of living, the executive committee decided to continue operating on your present dues of $1 for the national organization and 50 cents for our own synodical expenses. . ."

Georgia-Alabama

Echoes from the synodical Brotherhood are being heard as its executive committee goes into action. A complete inventory of the Brotherhood problems, work and possibilities received a going over at the recent official meeting. Definite plans and programs are taking shape rapidly. Within the organized manpower of our synod lie great possibilities. They were stimulated in the Virginia, North Carolina and the South Carolina Synods until these synods have been outstanding, not only in their mission programs but in the entire work of these bodies. The men of all

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Message From Headquarters

by EARL W. BADER

Evangelism Institutes

Is the Brotherhood cooperating with the ULCA boards and agencies? How does it operate between conventions? Are the officers promoting the total program of the Brotherhood? These and perhaps many other questions should be answered in the following report of the administrative committee meeting held at Bethlehem, Pa., on March 10, 1951.

The adminstrative committee includes the president, secretary, treasurer and four members of the executive committee. There is also an advisory committee of nine persons, consisting of the editor and staff writers of *Lutheran Men* and several members of the executive committee who reside in the vicinity of Bethlehem. This committee is responsible to the executive committee for the operation of the Brotherhood between conventions. Thirteen meetings of the administrative committee are scheduled for the 1951-52 biennium. These are in addition to the two annual meetings of the executive committee which are held in July of each year. All of these meetings are held at the Brotherhood offices in Bethlehem, Pa., and although several of the members come from great distances, not one penny is budgeted for their travel and hotel expenses.

So much by way of a background. Now let us sit in on a typical meeting of the administrative committee.

President Ralph J. Wohlsen, Bridgeport, Conn., presided at t March 10 meeting in the conferen room of the Lutheran Building, Be lehem, Pa. which was opened w devotions by the executive secreta at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following attendance: Ralph J. Wohlsen, pre dent; Aubrey Mauney, secretar Fred W. Konemann, 1st vice pre dent; Ernest C. J. Haller, treasure William Shetlock, 2nd vice presider Harry A. Fritsch, Alfred Arnesen, S Leonard F. Ashford and Rev. P. Beer, executive committee member Dr. George A. Eichler, chairman the Boy Scout committee; Rev. Jose B. Mohr, editor *Lutheran Men;* Ha Treuenfels, regional director of t Boy Scout committee; Robert Raeder, advisory member; and Ea W. Bader, executive secretary. Lette regretting inability to attend t meeting were received from Merw Fuss, William F. Keede, the Re Chas. F. Brobst and Arthur Ge After the agenda was adopted t minutes of the previous meeting we approved.

The president reported on his monthly letters to Brotherhood lea ers. The current mailing list includ 2250 laymen and pastors, which is produced from addressograph stenc at the Bethlehem office. A consta check is necessary to keep this list to date. The names of newly elect officers and changes of address a

e as soon as they are received.

he president called our attention opies of the eight-page illustrated er entitled "Year Around Evan- sm". This folder is produced and ributed by the Board of Social sions of the ULCA in cooperation the Brotherhood. This is a joint rt to enlist the manpower of the rch in an "all-out" evangelism gram during 1951-52. The evan- sm committee of the Brotherhood cooperation with our synodical sidents is selecting qualified therhood leaders who are willing ccept an appointment to attend r synodical evangelism institutes. resident Wohlsen also discussed new items of Brotherhood and ngelism literature that are plan- for distribution later this year.

rnest C. J. Haller presented his surer's report for the month of ruary. The report listed Brother- d receipts of $1321.13 and dis- sements of $976.52. The *Lutheran n* receipts were $1380.31 and the bursements were $1616.14. The therhood account showed a sea- al deficit of $1064.54 which had umulated since the beginning of s year. The reason for this deficit s attributed to the delay in billing 1951 congregational membership s. If these statements had been d by our Brotherhoods in January, ubstantial balance would have ap- ared on our treasurer's books. In ler to correct the situation the com- tee decided that the Brotherhood ice shall forward the membership nks to the synodical treasurers not later than October 15 of each year. This earlier handling will enable the synodical treasurers to mail the following years' dues statements in time for the congregational Brotherhoods to approve payment at their December meetings. The committee hopes this change will facilitate the payment of the congregational membership dues in January and February since this is the time when these funds are needed to plan the ensuing year's program.

The executive secretary reported the plans of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods to hold its 1951 biennial convention in Philadelphia, Pa. The administrative committee pledged its full cooperation in promoting this great inter-Lutheran meeting which will be held in the eastern part of the U. S. A. for the first time in 20 years.

Mr. Bader also reported on his itinerary for March, which will take him to Chicago, and the midwest territory and then on to Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. The executive secretary reported that B. T. Bodie, of Columbia, S. C., a member of the ULCA Brotherhood executive committee, attended the Georgia-Alabama synodical Brotherhood executive committee meeting at Atlanta, Ga., on Feb. 25.

After copies of the March issue of *Lutheran Men* had been distributed, each member was afforded an opportunity to express his views on the general contents of our magazine. Editor Mohr reported that the past five issues of *Lutheran Men* could be considered as his report. The unani-

mous opinion prevailed that the Rev. Joseph B. Mohr is doing an excellent job as the new editor of *Lutheran Men*. A proposed questionnaire to our *Lutheran Men* subscribers was deferred until the editor has gained more experience with our paper.

The matter of synodical *Lutheran Men* directors was also deferred until our next meeting. The sum of $25.00 was voted to the Parish and Church School Board to cover the ULCA Brotherhood's share of the secretarial expense incurred by Dr. Getz, chairman of the 1951 inter-Lutheran topic committee.

Dr. George A. Eichler, chairman of the Boy Scout committee, reported on the progress of scouting in the ULCA. His report emphasized the increasing number of *Pro Deo et Patria* applications and the need for prompt action by our synodical Brotherhood presidents in appointing their 1951 Boy Scout directors and committeemen.

Dr. Eichler presented the proposal which he had received for a 4-H religious award with requirements similar to the *Pro Deo et Patria* award. Dr. Hans P. Treuenfels, regional scout director, Mr. Aubrey Mauney and Ernest Haller, who are also scouters of many years' experience, participated in the discussion. It was unanimously agreed that President Wohlsen should refer this matter to the president of the ULCA for his opinion and suggestions as to the proper course which the Brotherhood should follow.

Earle W. Bader, director of boy scouting, presented the followin highlights of the annual meeting the Lutheran Committe on Scoutin which was held in Chicago on Jan ary 6, 1951:

1. Report on Valley Forge Jam boree—3500 Lutheran Scouts at th Lutheran church service.

2. Offering, less expenses, amoun ing to $186.82 contributed to the BS "World Friendship Fund".

3. Proposed award for scouters receiving continued study. Suggestio made that a diploma or plaque b awarded to outstanding boys' wor leaders on a synodical basis annuall

4. Cubbing award—committee b lieves no existing need for such a award.

5. *Pro Deo et Patria*—5819 ap plications; 994 medals and citatio granted; 475 medals have been r ceived by ULCA scouts.

6. Committee was named to stud revision of the *Pro Deo et Patria* r quirements. Same to be included the new manual "Scouting in th Lutheran Church" which will be r printed this fall.

7. A chaplain-training seminar wi be held in various theological sem naries. It is hoped that a ULCA sem nary will be included in this grou

8. Due to the increased cost of *Pr Deo et Patria* medals, the price ha been raised from $1.25 to $1.50 to b paid by each sponsoring organizatio

The reports of the literature ar stewardship committee were next order. New items of literature refe red to in the president's report wi soon be ready for distribution.

Fred Konemann, chairman of the ngelism committee, submitted a tten report containing the dates of synodical institutes that will be d this summer. Mr. Konemann has uested our synodical evangelism ectors and committee men to give r full cooperation in the evange- n institutes. He has also mailed ies of the new evangelism folder— o You Mean Me?"—to each mem- of the synodical evangelism com- tee.

Dr. Beer reported for the Honorary e and In Memoriam membership nmittee that 22 persons had been eived as honorary life members the Brotherhood to date.

The matter of implementing our otherhood resolution concerning resettlement of displaced persons s referred to Mr. Treuenfels be- use of his activity in this field of vice.

The committee approved the at- ndance of President Wohlsen and ecutive Secretary Bader at the eting of the executive committee of e Department of United Church en of the National Council of the urches of Christ in America in icago on April 13-15. All of the penses for this meeting will be paid the N.C.C.C.A. The date of the xt administrative meeting was ac- rdingly changed from April 14 to pril 21 at Bethlehem. Pa. The meet- g was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with a osing prayer and benediction by the ev. P. G. Beer.

Limitations of space will prevent more detailed report of our March meeting, but I hope the foregoing will provide a satisfactory answer to your questions concerning the manner in which the Brotherhood is now being operated. The frequent meetings of the administrative committee afford a constant check on finances, and places the responsibility for making important decisions upon the entire committee rather than relying upon the judgment of one or two individuals.

The administrative committee is always eager to receive your suggestions and criticisms, but if the Brotherhood is to fulfill its purpose as a loyal auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church, they also need your prayers and wholehearted cooperation.

NLC News Photo

This boy in Eastern Germany is one of the thousands who sorely need clothes. Large shipments of clothing from Lutheran World Relief are distributed in the Russian Zone by the church. Contrast this picture with the cover picture of the lad who apparently doesn't have to worry about his shoes.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

by EARL S. RUDISILL

People Are Different

WHY DOES Susan have such a hard time learning to write? Did you notice what a wobbly skater Jack is compared with most of the other boys? Betty has had piano lessons for only six months but she's far ahead of Lou who has been studying for a year and a half. Donald is so slow with fractions. Bob is only six, but he thinks and talks like a 10-year-old. These are typical differences in children.

Barbara, despite her mature years and experience, is still a mediocre typist, while Luella has the speed of a race horse and the accuracy of an adding machine. Despite the same courses in high school, Charles has an extraordinary command of English, while Ronald just drags along. Ed and Larry live on adjoining farms; one has been a success, while the other keeps just about six months ahead of the sheriff. Yes, adults are far from being alike.

Areas of Difference

People are not born equal — far from it. They differ widely in potentialities as well as in actualities. In nothing are they alike, except in very general pattern. There are no duplicates, and no repeats.

In mental capacity, temperament, speed of action, social adaptability, ability to get along with people, energy and drive, physical form and appearance, likes and dislikes, and many other qualities they are different. For the most part these variations are inherited.

But experience produces many additional differences and tends to widen the original ones. The further education, training, and specialization proceeds, the greater the variation become. In cases where there is relative original equality, experience will introduce difference. But no matter what is done, the original difference will not be eliminated.

Differences and Needs

These differences, especially those which represent a lack of desirable qualities, skills, or appreciations represent needs of a certain type. Some of these lacks cannot be made up, for they are inherent in the nervous system, and no way of improving them is known.

Other differences—those due to lack of opportunity or effort—hold some excellent possibilities. Adult education, both in the church and out of the outside, can help change people. Many needs are met by such changes. People are frequently changed from apathetic, inactive, dull-appearing, prejudiced, selfish, or boastful individuals to their opposite. What a change! And after it has all been accomplished, the individuals can

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HE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

CHARLES F. BROBST

New Members Not Welcomed

ARE NEW members wanted in your ngregation? Are the confirmands lcomed after their confirmation? n those transferred be sure of your erest in them?

I can hear you say: "Of course, are eager for new members. esn't our pastor have a confirma- n class each year? Haven't we put a special evangelism program? n't we invite people to join our urch? That shows we welcome em!"

You will pardon me, I hope, but at doesn't prove your point at all. that is all your congregation and members do you probably wel- me numbers, not members. The in- eased membership in your church, e prestige in the community or nod, the impressive parochial re- ort, the display of names in the urch bulletin and membership list, e increased financial potential, etc., ay receive a warm welcome but not e new members.

Interest in new members must not op the moment they are added to e roll. A real welcome demands that mething be done after their recep- on. Much effort is expended to get em into the church but what do we o to keep them? Too often, we do othing. That can't be called a wel- me. The test of a welcome comes fter, not before, they are received.

The pastor meets a class of young people an hour each week for months. Or he teaches an adult class for weeks. There is a public confirmation service and the congregation rejoices. After the service a box of duplex envelopes is given. That is where we often stop. From there on they are generally neglected, if not forgotten. If they are at the next service, good. If they are absent, too bad. But what do we do about it?

What can be done? How can new members be assured that they are really welcome and wanted? Here is just one suggestion. None other is more important.

Let the members of the church be at the worship service on Sundays. Their very presence expresses a welcome. It shows that it means something to them to worship God, and to worship him together with them. A common bond of Christian fellowship binds all together. You must be there to welcome them. There is no welcome in being absent. What if no former members were present? How would the new members feel? Not very welcome, would they?

A congregation includes all the members, not a fraction of them. For 70% of the members to be absent shows only a 30% welcome. Would you visit a friend where you are only 30% welcome? To welcome new members the membership must be

present in large numbers at The Service.

Here is a challenge to the men of the Brotherhood. Remember it is one of the objectives. A welcome to new members can best be expressed by increasing the attendance at the wo ship services. Furthermore, nothin will hold those new members, mai tain their interest and loyalty, like cordial welcome each Sunday by faithful congregation.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

SCOUTING WAS the subject of much earnest discussion at the meeting of the Administrative Committee held at Brotherhood Headquarters on March 10. The members of the committee feel that the promotion of scouting is one of the most important projects of the Brotherhood. Ways and means are being considered whereby much of the work of promoting scouting might be done on a regional basis.

There are 33 synods in the ULCA, each one of which should have an active director of scouting. The Boy Scouts of America have divided the country into 12 regions. Consideration is being given to the desirability of having one member from each region on the scout committee. This member would be responsible for the promotion of scouting in several synods of the church.

No action has yet been taken on this matter. We should be pleased to have your opinions on such a plan.

Local initiative, in the final analysis, is the only force that will make the scouting program work in the congregations of our church. Wherever there is a Brotherhood there should be at least one unit of scou ing. The pastor and men of the co gregation should consider this a mus in their program of activities. Sur this will take a lot of time and effor but are not the boys, the leaders o tomorrow, worth it?

The need is desperate for traine Christian leaders for church an state. In the light of shocking evidenc revealed by the Senate Crime-Invest gating Committee the need for co secrated leaders for the future is in perative. If our democratic form o government is to survive we must hav an aroused public conscience whic will place in positions of respons bility only leaders who consider public office a public trust. Thi means that we must train leaders t assume these positions. It also mean that we must keep our boys in ou churches and in scouting in order t get them ready to serve God an country in a Christian way.

This is why we say that ther should be a well organized unit o scouting in every congregation. Me —see to this—it may be later tha you think.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA AWARD

out Richard Wagner received the **Pro Deo et Patria** award at the annual Scout Sunday ce in Christ Lutheran Church, Hazleton, Pa., on Feb. 11. Shown above are Mrs. ner, Richard, Donald Wagner and Pastor A. H. Roth.

Lutheran World Relief

w York (NLC)—Relief supplies ng 3,777,746 pounds and valued ore than $750,000 were shipped countries in Europe and Asia g February by Lutheran World f, it was reported here by Ber- A. Confer, administrative secre- of the agency.

is is the highest amount by nt to be shipped during one h since LWR was organized in ' and the tonnage would have even higher had some ship- s not been delayed in transit to here, due to railroad labor diffi- s, Mr. Confer said.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Labeled Lutherans

Are we praying and working for the day when Lutherans will no longer have to be identified by such labels as ULC, ALC, ELC?

The designations enclosed in parentheses in the item "What Men Can Do" in the news section of this issue will probably become obsolete sooner that we expect if we can get together oftener for fellowship and mutual understanding.

After all, the Communion of Saints is a fellowship in Christ, based on love. Let us think of it as a fellowship similar to that in a home, where parents and children do not necessarily hold identical intellectual views, but where love is stronger than logic.

The Kefauver Spotlight

The Kefauver Crime Committee investigations focused the spotlight where it suited the public most — on the other fellow, on the fellow at the top. With the investigation concluded in New York City, the public tore its eyes from television and sighed in satisfaction. A job had been well done; the other fellow had been embarrassed.

Public sentiment clamored for a continuation of the investigations.

But nobody suggested turning a few spotlights on the little fellow without whose dimes and dollars, thrown away on horses and numbers, the professional sinners could live in lush apartments.

Send News Items

The question was asked, Wh there so much news concerning gregational Brotherhoods in this azine? The answer is that we print only the news we receive. N of conference and synodical Bro hoods is used when we can get hands on it. So how about sendin more news? Why not appoint pu ity agents for your conferences synods?

The news you send in ma edited, but it will not be censore it is legitimate news.

We are also looking for arti Brotherhood stories, and items o man interest, with or without pict

Remember, the deadline for terial sent to the editor is one m in advance of the issue in which to appear.

Bringing a Contest to Life

For men who do work in the y organizations of the church her one way to bring a contest to lif it was explained to us:

In an attendance contest in a day school, the children were div into two groups, the blue and the represented by two airplanes ma trips across the continent, each

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The borrower on every home mortgage must maintain property insurance to pay off the mortgage in case of fire, windstorm, etc. But, *if the husband and father who earns the family income should die*, where will the money come from that is needed to make mortgage payments? Life insurance is the one sure answer to this problem.

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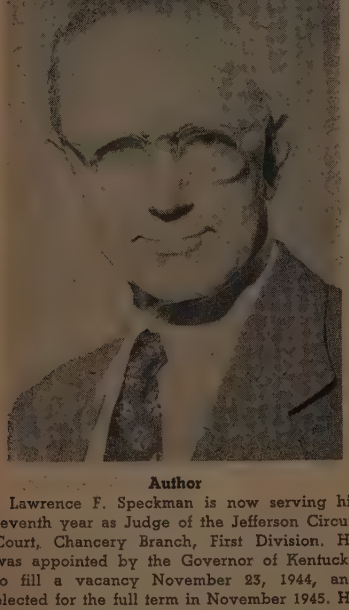
Encouraging Lutheran Cooperation

by LAWRENCE F. SPECKMAN

Reasons for Lutheran disunity, and present efforts at cooperation



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Encouraging Lutheran Cooperation

"WE ARE not united; all divi we"! This is the tragic song that Lutherans in America must sing. divisions can be traced back to earliest history.

Pioneer Days

In 1700 there were only se Lutheran ministers and 20 Luther congregations in the United St and Canada. The early growth of church was slow, and 100 years la there were only 50 pastors and congregations. In those early d apparently no effort was made to c for any except those of "our o household of faith."

Congregations banded together o

Suggestions for the Discussion Leader

1. Find a good definition of cooperation apply it to the topic assigned.

2. Make clear the distinction between co eration and organic union.

3. Cite instances within your knowle where local Lutheran congregations have operated in a common task or where con gations of several faiths have coopera These may be in the form of joint Reformat Thanksgiving, or Easter sunrise services, in the form of more permanent cooperati such as membership in local councils churches, regional missionary councils, the like.

onalistic basis, according to the
ıtry of Europe from which mem-
had emigrated. Religious perse-
on drove the French Huguenots
of France, and they established
first Lutheran colony in North
erica, near St. Augustine, Florida,
564. In 1619, one year before the
ding of the Pilgrims at Plymouth
k, Danish Lutherans reached
dson Bay. They were followed by
Dutch and Germans, who pur-
sed Manhattan Island from the In-
ns for $24. Swedish Lutherans
owed, to settle in Delaware, and
mans in Pennsylvania. In 1710
Swiss came to North Carolina,
d the Salzburgers to Georgia.

Organization Movements

n 1748 Henry Melchior Muhlen-
g organized the Ministerium of
nsylvania, the first Lutheran
od in America, now the largest
od in The United Lutheran Church
America.

By 1800 the church was following
American pioneers westward. In
1825 the Norwegians began to settle in the northwest states. Under the leadership of Pastor Carl Ferdinand Walther, 700 Saxons came from Germany, and in 1839 settled in Missouri and founded the Synod of Missouri and Adjacent States. By 1900 so many Lutherans had come from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Finland, and Iceland, that there were Lutheran Churches in every one of the 48 states and Canada, and they were organized into 60 different synods.

Merger Movements

For some years these Lutherans sought to preserve their former languages and customs. But slowly the various groups grew closer together. In 1917 three Norwegian synods formed The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. In 1918, about the time that the signing of the Armistice formally ended World War I, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South, comprising 45 constituent

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Aims

. To get a true picture of Lutheranism in
erica today, learning how many general
dies there are, what is the approximate
ngth of each, to what extent these bodies
erlap, wherein these synodical divisions
aken the Lutheran testimony to the world.
. To learn some of the reasons which led
the formation of so many separate Lutheran
oups, and discover whether these reasons
still valid today.
. To point out the constantly growing co-
eration of Lutherans through such agencies
The National Lutheran Council, The Ameri-
n Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, and
e Lutheran World Federation.
. To discover and set in operation ways
which men of the various bodies can draw
ser to each other in understanding and co-
eration.

Editorial Committee

Arthur H. Getz, chairman; Charles E. Johnson, C. Oscar Leonardson, E. V. Morton, Carl E. Schock.

Worship

Hymn: "O Saviour, Precious Saviour"—No. 361 C.S.B., or No. 269 P.S.H.
Scripture: Romans 15:1-7
Prayer: Collects No. 44 and No. 45, C.S.B.
Special Music
Hymn: "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"—No. 369 C.S.B., or No. 274 P.S.H.
Topic
Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Love Unbounded"—No. 363 C.S.B., or No. 259 P.S.H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

synods, were merged into The United Lutheran Church in America. The constituent synods were reduced to 29, but since then have grown to 33.

In 1930 several midwest synods of German background formed The American Lutheran Church, and in the same year The American Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Free Church, The Augustana Lutheran Church, and The United Danish Church formed The American Lutheran Conference. This body is what its name implies, an organization for conference or cooperation in a common task, each body maintaining its organization as before.

The American Lutheran Conference is composed mostly of those who migrated from the Scandinavian countries of northern Europe. The Synodical Conference, which was formed in 1872 by a union of The Synod of Missouri and other Synods, drew its strength primarily from Central Europe, chiefly Saxony, Germany. The United Lutheran Church in America drew its original members primarily from Germany and Holland.

World War I had the effect of bringing Lutherans closer together and causing them to drop to a large extent customs and languages which had separated them in pioneer days. There was developed The National Lutheran Council, which now represents all the bodies who are members of The American Lutheran Conference plus the United Lutheran Church in America. Only the Synodical Conference, often referred to as T Missouri Synod, remains outside T National Lutheran Council.

Barriers to Cooperation

The chief barriers to cooperat efforts among the Lutheran bod have been differences in langua difficulties of transportation and co munication, misunderstandings res ing from lack of contacts, and sus cion of the motives of those who p posed or encouraged cooperation.

The first big break in the barri occurred as a result of World War when many Lutheran churches dr ped their German names and cea to preach and teach in that langua More and more, English became language of the Lutheran churches America. Modern methods of tra portation and communication, a the necessity of facing common f further contributed to the breaki down of the artificial barriers to operation, which had grown out the customs and the languages their fatherlands. Today there is l resistance to cooperative effo among Lutherans than at any pre ous time.

Cooperation Growing

Opinion concerning the future the Lutheran Church in America divided three ways: (1) those wh favor organic union; (2) those wh favor federation; and (3) those wh favor the status quo. But nothi could possibly be lost by cooperati to accomplish a common task or defeat a common foe. As Luthera we all subscribe to the same cre and confessions, and we draw ou

and heritage from the same
es. We should certainly not be
sed to getting acquainted with
bers of the same household of
. When we do meet we find that
fellow Lutherans of other bodies
ot have horns, have no belligerent
ides, but are willing to cooperate
hristian tasks. We find the same
pretation of the Scriptures, the
e sacraments, the same confes-
s, the same liturgical service, and
pe of organization that is surpris-
y similar.

Weakened Testimony Before the World

s they new operate, the boards
agencies of our various Lutheran
ies often expend money and
rgy in the establishing of home
l social mission projects in com-
nities which are adequately served
one of the other Lutheran groups.
e result is that the world believes
are divided and in competition
th each other, and we lose face.
therans above all others should
nd firmly united in every good
ork.

But in spite of all that has been
id there is an awakened spirit of
operation. It is finding expression
such agencies as The National
utheran Council, The American
ederation of Lutheran Brotherhoods,
he Lutheran Editors Association,
nd The Lutheran Men in America.

The National Lutheran Council

All the church bodies comprising
he American Lutheran Conference
nd The United Lutheran Church in
merica are members of The National Lutheran Council. It was organized in 1918 and since then has compiled a long and memorable list of achievements in the field of cooperative endeavors. It was one of the factors that led to the organization of the Lutheran World Assembly, which has now developed into The Lutheran World Federation.

American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods

Through its Uniform Topics Committee, The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods is calling upon the best qualified writers of all the various Lutheran bodies to prepare study topics for the men as they come together in their monthly meetings. Increasingly the men are being led actively to support the program of the whole church.

The A. F. L. B. was also instrumental in securing the adoption by all affiliated Brotherhoods of a Uniform Emblem, and more recently the Uniform Objectives. This year all Brotherhoods are making an intensive study of these Uniform Objectives through the uniform topics.

Lutheran Scouting

Early in the organization of the A. F. L. B. the need of developing and training boys of the Lutheran Church was emphasized, and in 1935 Scouting was recognized as a medium that would contribute to the accomplishments of this purpose. Since then, Scouting has been vigorously promoted as one means of fulfilling the ninth Uniform Brotherhood Objective.

Lutheran Editors Association

Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of The

Lutheran Herald, the official organ of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, is authority for the statement that the Lutheran Editors Association is the oldest intersynodical Lutheran organization in America. It is in a position to help mold the opinions of Lutherans of all groups.

Lutheran Men in America

A promising movement looking toward cooperation of all of the general bodies of the Lutheran Church in America began with the informal meeting of 15 laymen in Pittsburgh on July 14 and 15, 1945. It was an unofficial yet representative group. There were five laymen each from The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, The American Lutheran Conference, and The United Lutheran Church in America. Among the 15 were bankers, merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, physicians, theologians, teachers, and public officers. Very few had any prior acquaintance with each other, yet when the two-day conference ended they felt they were old friends. They were determined to do something to promote better understanding and more cooperation in accomplishing the common tasks that confront all Lutherans. The original 15 has grown to 45, and they meet annually on call. The aims of the movement, as adopted at the initial meeting and reaffirmed at each meeting since then, are:

1. To develop better understanding and fellowship among all Lutherans.

2. To help meet the great challenge which has come to all Christians as the result of the world crisis arising out of the war.

3. To foster publicity look toward a wider dissemination of Christian philosophy of life.

4. To encourage local fellows and cooperation among all Luthera

5. To encourage Christian edu tion at all age levels.

Other Cooperative Efforts

Cooperation between the Luthe groups has also been promo through the activities of the Boa of Parish Education. The Americ Lutheran Church, The Augusta Lutheran Church, and The Uni Lutheran Church have cooperated producing joint Sunday-school lite ture known as *The Christian Gro Series.* These same bodies are co erating in producing leaders education texts and an Elective Se for Adults. In September of this y all Lutheran bodies belonging to T National Lutheran Council will h the same slogan for Parish Educat Month, and they will produce so of their materials cooperatively. effort is being made to produce instruction manual for adults t will be used by all Lutheran gro as the basis of instruction for adu who are received into church me bership.

Encouraging Further Cooperatio

Master politicians declare t elections are won not at the top, i in the precincts. Similarly cooperat effort among Lutherans must be pr ticed on the congregational level. T Lutheran Church in America is a pu democracy. Movements that amou to anything begin at the bottom a

rk upward. The starting point is in congregation, and the starters are laymen, the laymen of the Brotherhood.

In each city or community where re are Lutheran congregations of re than one body a movement uld be started to meet in fellowp at least quarterly. Cooperation es not necessarily mean that there ll be union or even federation. But olation is an enemy of the Christn faith, while fellowship nourishes Association leads to better underding, better understanding to coeration, cooperation to action, and ion to accomplishment.

Allow ample time at this point for report of the committee appointed t month, and discuss the report.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are the primary reasons y we have so many Lutheran dies in America instead of one utheran Church?

2. What movements and organizaons have tended to draw the Luther- bodies closer together, and what is the contribution of each?

3. What can we do in our comunity to promote increased cooperaon between Lutherans of the various urch bodies?

3. Find someone who practices tithing, and discuss with him the reason why he tithes and what blessings he feels come from it.

4. Find out what is being done to train the children and youth of your congregation in the fundamental principles of Christian stewardship. What more could be done?

5. Sponsor a program of projected visual aids on some weekday evening preceding the regular July meeting of the Brotherhood. Invite all adult members and young people of the congregation to attend. Make the meeting as attractive as possible, and use it as an opportunity to promote fellowship as well as impart basic Christian instruction. Order the films or filmstrips sufficiently in advance to guard against disappointment. The following excellent films and filmstrips may be obtained through your own publication house or other film supply center.

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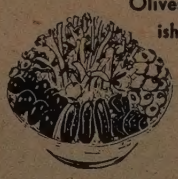

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